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FM AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5654

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FOR SCS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CDES IC (SMITH, ROBERT LORIN AND SMITH, CATHERINE)

SUBJECT: DEATH OF AMCITS IN ICELAND

REF: REYKJAVIK 1049, 1054; DET 1 HQ ARRS RAMSTEIN AB GER, 152340Z

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1. EMBASSY REPORTS DEATHS OF U.S. CITIZENS DR. ROBERT LORIN SMITH AND WIFE, MRS. CATHERINE SMITH, OF 513 SEABORN DRIVE, HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA 35806 ON 9-14-75 SOMETIME AFTER 1831 HRS. SUBJECTS WERE KILLED IN CRASH OF THEIR PRIVATE PLANE NEAR THE SUMMIT OF EYJAFJALLAJOKULL GLACIER ON THE SOUTH COAST OF ICELAND.

2. BODIES OF SUBJECTS RECOVERED ON 9-15-75 AT APPROXIMATELY 2000 HRS. BY RESCUE HELICOPTER FROM USN BASE AT KEFLAVIK. PERSONAL EFFECTS STILL AT SCENE OF ACCIDENT, WILL PROBABLY BE RECOVERED TODAY BY MEMBERS OF ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE FROM MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, AND WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO AMERICAN CONSUL. NO PASSPORT INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS YET.

3. EMBASSY INFORMED THAT MRS. SMITH'S NEXT-OF-KIN IS COMMANDER ALAN ADAMS, USN, BINNEY ROAD, OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT 06371.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTS SCS NOTIFY NEXT-OF-KIN OF DR. AND MRS. SMITH'S DEATH AND OF FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL APPROXIMATE BURIAL AND SHIPMENT COSTS. FULL BURIAL IN ICELAND - \$200.00; CREMATION AND CONTAINER FOR SHIPMENT TO NY - \$40.00; CREMATION AND BURIAL IN ICELAND - \$10.00; COMPLETE PREPARATION AND SHIPMENT TO NY - \$250.00

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FOR PREPARATION PLUS \$510.00 AIR FREIGHT OR \$60.00 SURFACE

FREIGHT; ICELANDIC LAW REQUIRES BURIAL WITHIN 15 DAYS, EXHUMATION  
PERMITTED AFTER SEVEN YEARS WITH PERMISSION OF MINISTRY OF  
JUSTICE ONLY. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS ASAP.  
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